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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT : Appraisal of Economic Intelligence on Bulgaria
and Romania South of Lat. 45° N.

1. Status of economic intelligence on subject areas is roughly as follows:

<u>Tab</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Quality</u>	<u>Currency</u>
A	Industrial	Small	Unknown	Year or more old
B	Raw Materials	Fair	Fair to Poor	1 - 3 years old
C	Trade	Substantial	Good to Fair	Reasonably current
D	Transportation	Trickle	Poor	-
E	Economic Totals	Sparse	Poor	Year or more old
F	Basic (NIS)	Varied	Good to Fair	Year or more old
G	Air Photos	12-2%	Good	Mostly WW II
G	Maps - Bulgaria	1/3	Good	Mostly WW II
	- Romania	1/3	Poor (Gazetteers and base maps complete)	Mostly WW II

2. Trend is unfavorable. Increasing restrictions on our missions culminating in closing down legation in Bulgaria in 1951 have shut off most reliable sources. Increasing security and obfuscation in published data are putting us progressively out of touch with economic information.

3. Importance of economic intelligence of these countries is obviously limited. Except in oil (Ploesti), copper, lead, chrome and uranium (4% of Soviet Bloc total), contribution to Soviet Bloc economic potential is negligible. On the other hand, the increasing integration of satellite economies enhances the possibility that tidbits from these countries might contribute disproportionately to our knowledge of the entire Bloc. E.g., intentions may be indicated by type of long-range investment as in Dnistrovgrad complex where further information on production of basic chemicals might indicate whether it is for agriculture or explosives. 25X1X7

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4. Unexploited resources are believed to include [REDACTED] German documents in Arlington, and unclassified material in Library of Congress, etc., not currently translated.

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5. Further references: Reader might look especially at Tabs F and G. A special supplement from D/Z is being forwarded simultaneously. ORR's contribution to NIE-33 should be consulted for detailed discussion.

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Enclosures
Tabs A through G

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